

(b) Rule 19 (ii) of Delhi Police (Promotion and Confirmation Rules, 1980) has a provision for grant of one rank promotion to encourage outstanding sportsmen, marksmen, officers who have shown exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. The number of officers/men who were granted one rank promotion under the said rule during the last 3 years i.e. 1994, 1995 and 1996 is as under :

Rank	1994	1995	1996
Inspector to Assistant Commissioner of Police	-	4	-
Sub-Inspector to Inspector	8	3	1
Assistant Sub-Inspector to Sub-Inspector	3	4	1
Head Constable to Assistant Sub-Inspector	16	13	20
Constable to Head Constable	29	42	28

(c) The requisite information is given as under :

Year	Number of encounters	Persons	
		Killed	Injured
1994	3	4	3
1995	10	6	5
1996	6	2	-

(d) & (e) There have been some press reports to this effect. The accelerated promotion requires the prior approval of the Lt. Governor of Delhi and is granted only in deserving cases.

Agro-based Industries

5950. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the status of the Indian agriculture and food processing industry;

(b) if so, whether Food Industry has stressed that large investments to the tune of Rs.140000 crores by 2005, in technologies, skills and capital equipment, to transform the Indian food industry will be required;

(c) whether the Government have seen the study report entitled "Food, agriculture, integrated development and action";

(d) if so, whether the Government have examined the report; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to the suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (e) The Confederation of Indian Industry and McKinsey & Co. have recently conducted a study of the prospects for the Indian food industry. The Report has not yet been published.

Import of Drugs

5951. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian drug manufacturing companies issued licences for the import of drugs during the financial years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 and the names of the drugs for which import licences were issued;

(b) the number of proposals of drug manufacturing companies of India seeking permission for import of drugs lying pending with the Government;

(c) the names of those companies alongwith the names of the drugs proposed to be imported;

(d) whether there is any impediment in issuing licences of import of drugs to those drug companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the time by which these drug companies will be given import licences; and

(g) the steps contemplated by the Government to increase indigenous production and to reduce the import of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) :

(a) During 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 cases of thirty eight, thirty seven and twenty Indian drug manufacturing companies, respectively were recommended for issue of import licences for Pen.G and Rifa - S.

(b) to (f) Only two proposals from M/s. Wockhardt Ltd. and M/s. Jagsonpal Ltd. for import of Oxytetracycline Hcl are awaiting clearance due to non-enclosure of certificate from indigenous manufacturers regarding their inability to supply.

(g) Delicensing, progressive reduction in custom duty of imported raw-material, providing higher rate of return while fixing price for drugs manufactured from basic stage are some of the steps taken by the Government to increase indigenous production.